

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A video-on-demand system for use with personal computers connected to ~~the Internet~~ a packet data network, the system comprising:

a cable television network; and

content provider ~~Internet~~ websites which list videos available for delivery from ~~third party~~ content providers to subscribers of a cable television service provider, wherein the subscribers use the personal computers to select videos from the content provider websites for delivery to the subscribers; ~~and~~

~~televisions associated with the subscribers and connected to the cable television service provider via the cable television network;~~

wherein ~~the content providers and the cable television service provider are in communication with one another~~ communicates with the content provider in order for the cable television service provider to receive the selected videos from the content providers;

wherein the cable television service provider delivers the selected videos to the ~~televisions~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscribers to view ~~on the televisions.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the cable television service provider delivers the selected videos by streaming the selected videos to the ~~televisions~~ subscribers via the cable television network immediately after the subscribers have selected the ~~videos~~ video.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the cable television service provider stores the selected videos on a video server for subsequent delivery from the video server to ~~the televisions~~ subscribers via the cable television network.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the cable television service provider delivers the selected videos to a subscriber video ~~recorders associated with the televisions~~ recorder via the cable television network for the subscribers to subsequently view ~~on the televisions~~.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers perform key word searches using the personal computers in order to select videos from the content provider websites for delivery to the subscribers.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers use the personal computers to browse categories listed in the content provider websites in order to select videos from the content provider websites for delivery to the subscribers.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers provide identification data to the content providers when selecting videos from the content providers;

wherein the content providers provide the identification data along with the selected videos to the cable television service provider; and

~~wherein~~ the cable television service provider uses the identification data in order to deliver the selected videos to the ~~televisions~~ subscribers via the cable television network.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the content providers provide descriptive information identifying the selected videos along with the selected videos to the cable television service provider for use by the cable television service provider.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the cable television service provider bills the subscribers for the selected videos on behalf of the content providers.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers have subscriptions with the cable television service provider to select videos from the content provider websites for delivery to the subscribers, wherein the cable television service provider bills the subscribers for the subscriptions.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the personal computers and ~~the televisions~~ a subscriber home location are remote from one another and are in indirect communication with one another via ~~the Internet~~ a packet data network and the cable television network.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a cable television service provider Internet website, wherein the subscribers use the personal computers to register video interest profiles on the cable television service provider website;

wherein the content providers communicate information to the cable television service provider regarding videos available for delivery from the content providers to the subscribers;

wherein the cable television service provider compares the information regarding the available videos with the video interest profiles; and

wherein the cable television service provider sends emails to the subscribers containing information regarding the available videos which correspond to the video interest profiles.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein:

the subscribers use the personal computers to transmit delivery requests to the content providers via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network for videos identified in the emails;

~~wherein~~ in response to the requests, the cable television service provider receives the requested videos from the content providers and then delivers the requested videos to the ~~televisions~~ subscribers via the cable television network for the subscribers to view ~~on the televisions~~.

14. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the subscribers use the personal computers to register video interest profiles on the content provider websites;

wherein the content providers sends emails to the subscribers regarding videos which correspond to the video interest profiles and which are available for delivery from the content providers to the subscribers.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein:

the subscribers use the personal computers to transmit delivery requests to the content providers via the Internet for videos identified in the emails;

wherein in response to the requests, the cable television service provider receives the requested videos from the content providers and then delivers the requested videos to the televisions via the cable television network for the subscribers to view on the televisions.

16. (Currently Amended) A video-on-demand system for use with a ~~personal computer~~ computing device connected to ~~the Internet~~ a packet data network, the system comprising:

a cable television network; and

a content provider ~~Internet~~ website, wherein the content provider website lists videos available for delivery from a ~~third-party~~ content provider to a subscriber of a cable television service provider, wherein the subscriber uses the ~~personal computer~~ computing device to select a video from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber; ~~and~~
~~————— a television associated with the subscriber and connected to the cable television service provider via the cable television network;~~

wherein the ~~content provider and the~~ cable television service provider ~~are in communication with one another~~ communicates with the content provider in order for the cable television service provider to receive the selected video from the content provider;

wherein the cable television service provider delivers the selected video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view ~~on the television.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the cable television service provider delivers the selected video by streaming the selected video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network immediately after the subscriber has selected the video.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the cable television service provider stores the selected video on a video server for subsequent delivery from the video server to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the cable television service provider delivers the selected video to a subscriber video recorder ~~associated with the television~~ via the cable television network for the subscriber to subsequently view ~~on the television~~.

20. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the subscriber performs a key word search using the personal computer in order to select a video from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber.

21. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the subscriber uses the personal computer to browse categories listed in the content provider website in order to select a video from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the content provider provides ~~[[an]]~~ identification data identifying the subscriber along with the selected video to the cable television service provider;

wherein the cable television service provider uses the identification data in order to deliver the selected video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network.

23. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the content provider provides descriptive information identifying the selected video along with the selected video to the cable television service provider for use by the cable television service provider.

24. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the cable television service provider bills the subscriber for the selected video on behalf of the content provider.

25. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the subscriber has a subscription with the cable television service provider to select videos from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber, wherein the cable television service provider bills the subscriber for the subscription.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the ~~personal computer~~ computing device and the ~~television~~ subscriber home location are remote from one another and are in indirect communication with one another via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network and the cable television network.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 further comprising:

a cable television service provider ~~Internet~~ website, wherein the ~~subscriber uses the personal computer to register~~ computing device transmits a video interest profile ~~[[on]]~~ to the cable television service provider website;

wherein the content provider communicates information to the cable television service provider regarding videos available for delivery from the content providers to the subscriber;

wherein the cable television service provider compares the information regarding the available videos with the video interest profile;

wherein the cable television service provider sends an email to the subscriber containing information regarding the available videos which correspond to the video interest profile.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 27 wherein:

the ~~subscriber uses the personal computer to transmit~~ computing device ~~transmits~~ a delivery request to the content provider via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network for a video identified in the email;

wherein in response to the request, the cable television service provider receives the requested video from the content provider and then delivers the requested video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view ~~on the television.~~

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 wherein:

the ~~subscriber uses the personal computer to register~~ computing device ~~transmits~~ a video interest profile ~~[[on]]~~ to the content provider website;

wherein the content provider sends an email to the subscriber via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network regarding videos which correspond to the video interest profile and which are available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29 wherein:

the ~~subscriber uses the personal computer to transmit~~ computing device ~~transmits~~ a delivery request to the content provider via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network for a video identified in the email;

wherein in response to the request, the cable television service provider receives the requested video from the content provider and then delivers the requested video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view ~~on the television.~~

31. (Currently Amended) A video-on-demand method for use with a ~~personal computer~~ computing device connected to the ~~Internet~~ a packet data network, and for use with a television associated with a subscriber of a cable television service provider and connected to a cable television service provider via a cable television network, the method comprising:

providing a content provider ~~Internet~~ website listing videos available for delivery from a third party content provider to a subscriber of the cable television service provider, the videos being available for delivery to the subscriber over the packet data network for viewing on the computing device or over the cable television network for viewing on the television;

the subscriber using the ~~personal computer~~ computing device to select a video from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber;

communicating the selected video from the content provider to the cable television service provider and then ~~[[; and]] delivering the selected video from the cable television service provider to the television subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view if selected for viewing on the television; and~~

communicating the selected video from the content provider directly to the computing device via the packet data network if selected for viewing on the computing device.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 wherein:

delivering the selected video includes streaming the selected video from the cable television service provider to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network immediately after the subscriber has selected the video.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

storing the selected video on a video server of the cable television service provider for subsequent delivery;

wherein delivering the selected video includes subsequently delivering the selected video from the video server to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network.

34. (Currently Amendeed) The method of claim 31 wherein:

delivering the selected video includes delivering the selected video to a subscriber video recorder ~~associated with the television~~ via the cable television network for the subscriber to subsequently view ~~on the television~~.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 wherein:
the subscriber ~~using the personal computer includes the subscriber~~ performing
a key word search ~~using the personal computer~~ in order to select a video from the content
provider website ~~for delivery to the subscriber~~.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 wherein:
the subscriber ~~using the personal computer includes the subscriber using the~~
~~personal computer to browse~~ browsing categories listed in the content provider website in
order to select videos from the content provider website ~~for delivery to the subscriber~~.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 wherein:
communicating the selected video from the content provider to the cable
television service provider includes communicating ~~[[an]]~~ identification data identifying the
subscriber along with the selected video from the content provider to the cable television
service provider;

wherein delivering the selected video includes using the identification data in
order to deliver the selected video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 ~~wherein~~ further
comprising:

the content provider ~~provides~~ providing descriptive information identifying the
selected video along with the selected video to the cable television service provider for use by
the cable television service provider.

39. (Original) The method of claim 31 further comprising:
the cable television service provider billing the subscriber for the selected video
on behalf of the content provider.

40. (Original) The method of claim 31 further comprising:
the subscriber obtaining a subscription with the cable television service provider
to select videos from the content provider website for delivery to the subscriber; and

the cable television service provider billing the subscriber for the subscription.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 wherein:

the ~~personal computer~~ computing device and the ~~television~~ a subscriber home location are remote from one another and are in indirect communication with one another via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network and the cable television network.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

~~providing a cable television service provider Internet website;~~

the subscriber ~~using the personal computer to register~~ registering a video interest profile on ~~[[the]]~~ a cable television service provider website;

comparing information regarding videos available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber with the video interest profile; and

transferring an email to the ~~personal computer~~ subscriber containing information regarding the videos which correspond to the video interest profile and which are available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42 further comprising:

the subscriber ~~using the personal computer to transmit~~ transmitting a delivery request to the content provider via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network for a video identified in the email;

in response to the request, communicating the requested video from the content provider to the cable television service provider, and then delivering the requested video from the cable television service provider to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view ~~on the television~~.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

the subscriber ~~using the personal computer to register~~ registering a video interest profile on the content provider website;

sending an email to the subscriber regarding videos which correspond to the video interest profile and which are available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 further comprising:
the subscriber ~~using the personal computer to transmit~~ transmitting a delivery request to the content provider via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network for a video identified in the email;

in response to the request, communicating the requested video from the content provider to the cable television service provider, and then delivering the requested video from the cable television service provider to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view ~~on the television~~.

46. (Currently Amended) A video-on-demand system for use with a ~~personal computer~~ computing device connected to the ~~Internet~~ a packet data network, the system comprising:

a cable television service provider having a cable television network ~~connected to a television~~ of for providing television service to a subscriber;

~~an Internet~~ a website, wherein the ~~which receive a subscriber uses the personal computer to register a~~ video interest profile on the website; and

a ~~third-party~~ content provider which provides information regarding videos available for delivery from the content provider to the ~~television of the~~ subscriber via the cable television network;

wherein at least one of the cable television service provider and the content provider compares the information regarding the available videos with the video interest profile and then sends an email to the subscriber ~~via the Internet~~, the email containing information regarding the available videos which correspond to the video interest profile.

47. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 46 wherein:

the subscriber uses the ~~personal computer~~ computing device to transmit a delivery request to at least one of the cable television service provider and the content provider via the ~~Internet~~ packet data network for a video identified in the email;

wherein in response to the request, the cable television service provider receives the requested video from the content provider and then delivers the requested video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view ~~on the television~~.

48. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 46 wherein:
the website is the ~~Internet~~ website of the content provider.

49. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 46 wherein:
the website is the ~~Internet~~ website of the cable television service provider.

50. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 46 further comprising:
the website lists videos available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber uses the ~~personal computer~~ computing device to select a video ~~from the~~ for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber; and

wherein in response to the request, the cable television service provider receives the selected video from the content provider and then delivers the selected video to the television via the cable television network for the subscriber to view on the television.

51. (Currently Amended) A video-on-demand method for use with a ~~personal computer~~ computing device connected to ~~the Internet~~ a packet data network and for use with a cable television service provider having a cable television network ~~connected to a television of~~ providing television service to a subscriber, the method comprising:

~~providing an Internet website;~~

the subscriber using the ~~personal computer~~ computing device to register a video interest profile on ~~[[the]]~~ a website;

providing information regarding videos available for delivery from a content provider to ~~the television of~~ the subscriber via the cable television network;

comparing information regarding the available videos with the video interest profile; and

sending an email to the subscriber via the Internet, the email containing information regarding the videos which correspond to the video interest profile.

52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 51 further comprising:

the subscriber using the personal computer to transmit a delivery request to at least one of the cable television service provider and the content provider via the Internet for a video identified in the email;

in response to the request, transferring the requested video from the content provider to the cable television service provider, and then delivering the requested video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view ~~on the television~~.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 52 wherein:

the website is the ~~Internet~~ website of the content provider.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 52 wherein:

the website is the ~~Internet~~ website of the cable television service provider.

55. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 52 further comprising:

listing videos available for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber on the website;

the subscriber using the ~~personal computer~~ computing device to select a video from the content provider website for delivery from the content provider to the subscriber;

communicating the selected video from the content provider to the cable television service provider; and

delivering the selected video to the ~~television~~ subscriber via the cable television network for the subscriber to view ~~on the television~~.